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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF KUWAIT ZOO

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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED STATUS OF CONSULTANCY COMPETITION FOR SUBJECT PROJECT WITH REGISTRAR OF CONSULTANTS, KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD, WHO INFORMS US THAT FIVE FIRMS (JOHN BENNINGTON, LEO J. DALXY, ZOOPLAN ASSOCIATES, CHARLES LIVING PARTNERSHIP, AND ANIMAL-PEOPLE COMMUNITY) HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUBMIT BIDS. THESE BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED EXAMINED, AND PASSED ON TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR FURTHER REVIEW. REGISTRAR STATED THAT NO MORE BIDS WOULD BE SOLICITED AND THAT CONSULTANCY CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE SUBDIVIDED.

2. KUWAIT LAW FORBIDS THE USE OF LOCAL AGENTS IN NEGOTIATION OF CONSULTING CONTRACTS. LACK OF AGENT, THEREFORE IS NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT IN FAILURE OF GOK TO SELECT MCFADZEAN AND EVERLY LTD. FOUL UPS IN RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS, BID DOCUMENTS, ETC. HOWEVER, ARE NOT UNCOMMON, AND SOME U.S. CONSULTING FIRMS HAVE ENTERED INTO VARIOUS SORTS OF RELATIONSHIPS (INCLUDING PARTNERSHIPS) WITH LOCAL ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING FIRMS, BOTH TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TO FACILITATE LOGISTICS/RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS.

3. REF B INDICATES THAT THERE MAY YET BE ROOM FOR MAC-
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FADZEAN AND EVERY LTD., IN CONTRADICTION TO WHAT EMBASSY

WAS TOLD BY REGISTRAR OF CONSULTANTS. EITHER PLANNING BOARD OR RESPONSIBLE GOK AGENCY (IN THIS CASE THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS) HAS FINAL SAY OVER WHICH FIRMS ARE SELECTED FOR BIDDING ON CONSULTANCY PROJECTS, DEPENDING ON NATURE OF PROJECT, AND DEGREE OF EXPERTISE OF GOK AGENCY IN THE SUBJECT MATTER. EMBASSY WILL CABLE FURTHER REPORT AFTER CONTACTING MR. MANNAI OF MPW'S AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT. MAESTRONE

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